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Freedom Isn't Free

It is a well-known fact that nothing in life is free, especially when it comes to freedom. Since civilizations began, governments formed armies to protect the kingdom, the people, and their values. One of America's most primary values is freedom. Armies are required to protect freedom. Examples of the cost of freedom can be seen in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and in today's budget for defense. The price of freedom has never been cheap.

The Revolutionary War was fought to establish a country that valued individual liberty. The freedom that we have now was won in fierce battle. It required courage and sacrifice from the soldiers that gained our freedom. Many lives were lost. Modern America benefits from the price that they paid.

The Civil War brought an end to slavery in the United States. More people died in the Civil War than in World War 1 and 2 combined. Not only did they die, but they left their families devastated and heartbroken as well. The outcome of the Civil War was freedom for all Americans.

The cost of freedom can be expensive when it comes to taxes. The defense budget for the United States of America in 2012 is roughly \$711 billion. That money goes towards soldier's food, paychecks, healthcare, weapons, and also benefits veterans. This money could benefit many other areas, such as education, money for the poor, or funding important causes and charities. The cost for defending freedom around the globe is greater than just the taxes we pay. It includes the time soldiers spend away from their families, and the stress and pressure of overseas deployments.

Freedom was won and protected by the military. An army was needed to fight in the Revolutionary War. Freedom from slavery that we won in the Civil War cost thousands of lives. Many soldiers died in battle. Finally, our modern military is very costly. The freedom we enjoy today comes at a high price. Freedom is never free.

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